

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, May 20, 2013 – 8:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder called the City Council Meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Holder presided. **Council Members:** Mayor Pro-tem George, Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Bessie Kicklighter and Judy Shuman.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director.

Informal Public Comment:

Mr. Ronnie Edwards thanked City Council for their hard work and for they do. He also thanked the Police Department for their efforts at the Senior Center.

Reverend Gary Monroe, 46 Hawkinsville Road, thanked Police Department and Fire Department for their assistance during the loss of his father.

There being no further questions or comment, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Formal Public Comment:

Mayor Holder said we received a formal request from Ms. Bonnie Young to address City Council.

Ms. Young expressed several concerns regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony held at the Cooper Center. She said she felt that her family had been slighted by not receiving invitations to attend the ceremony.

Councilmember Cody said I take responsibility for not notifying your family. She said really the ribbon cutting ceremony was not about the families involved with the center. She said it was done, because the restroom renovations were completed, which I fought hard to have done. She said if your feelings were hurt I am sorry, but it wasn't anything to do with the families.

Councilmember Campbell said it was for the restroom renovations. He said we didn't send out flyers, because it was only for the work done at the Center. He said if we had known that it meant that much we would have done it differently, but we didn't mean any harm.

Public Hearing:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by Olga A. Henriquez Treja to sell spirituous liquors (by the drink), wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Copacabana's Sport Bar, 425 US Highway 80 Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Holder asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the application. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 5/6/13.

Staff Reports:

City Manager presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.

Police Chief presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

Items for Consideration:

First Supplemental Bond Resolution: Clerk of Council read a First Supplemental Bond Resolution adopted May 20, 2013, providing for issuance of the City of Garden city Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 in the principal amount of \$5,040,000.

City Manager said is to consolidate our old GEFA loans at a lower interest rate.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Mayor Holder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council
Adopted by City Council: 6/3/13